

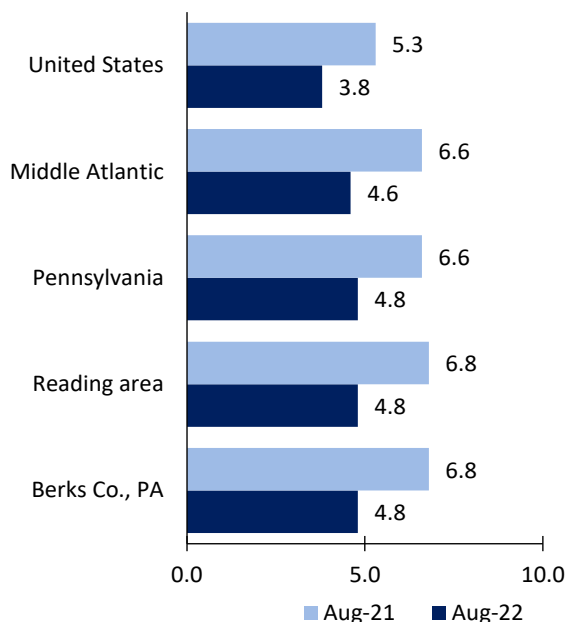
# Reading area Economic Summary

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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see [www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm](http://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm).

## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

### Unemployment rates



Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

### Reading area, first quarter 2022

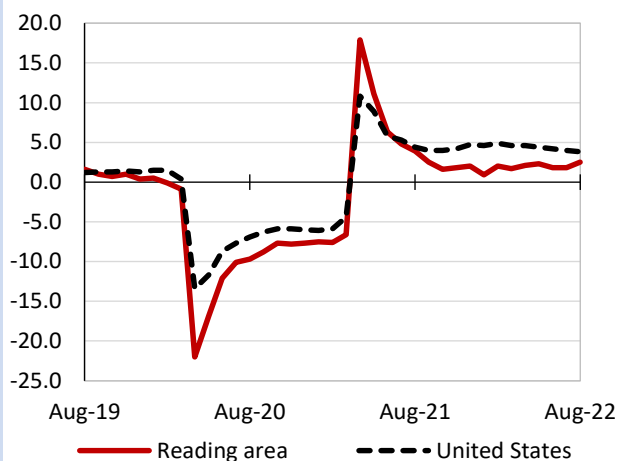
(U.S. = \$1,374; Area = \$1,117)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

## Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

### 12-month percent changes in employment



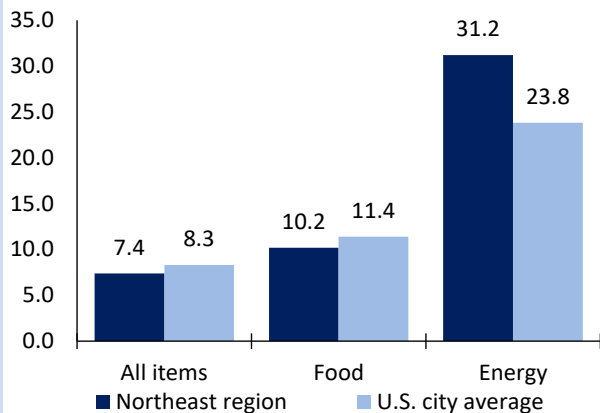
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Reading area employment (number in thousands)	Aug. 2022	Change from Aug. 2021 to Aug. 2022	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	173.5	4.2	2.5
Mining, logging, and construction	7.7	-0.3	-3.8
Manufacturing	30.7	1.1	3.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	35.6	2.2	6.6
Information	1.0	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	6.6	-0.1	-1.5
Professional and business services	21.7	0.2	0.9
Education and health services	30.3	0.8	2.7
Leisure and hospitality	14.1	0.4	2.9
Other services	8.1	0.3	3.8
Government	17.7	-0.4	-2.2

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

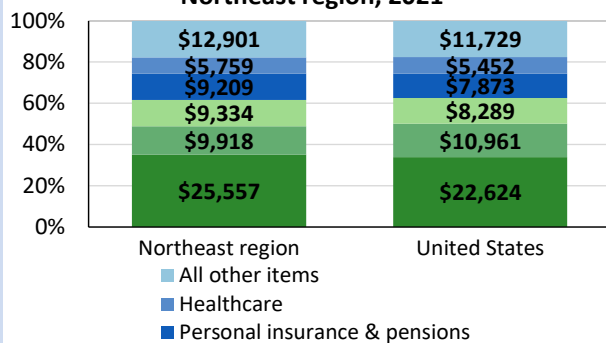
12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2022



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

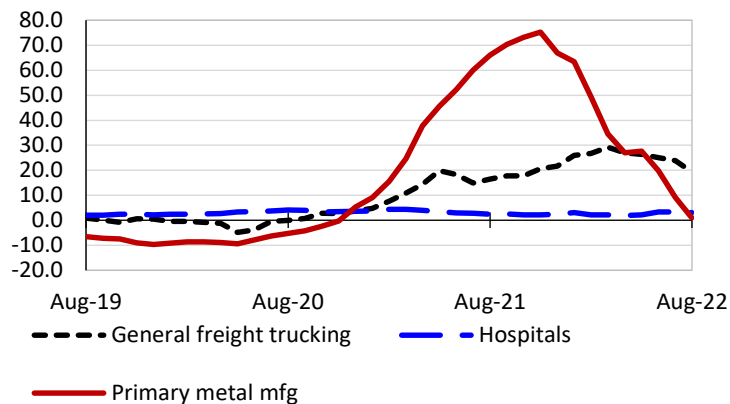
Average annual expenditures, United States and Northeast region, 2021



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide

12-month percent changes in PPI



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Reading area	United States
All occupations	\$24.85	\$28.01
Accountants and auditors	36.49	40.37
Registered nurses	36.18	39.78
Electricians	32.13	30.44
Carpenters	24.50	26.53
Customer service representatives	18.95	18.79
Tellers	16.14	16.79

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2021.

Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

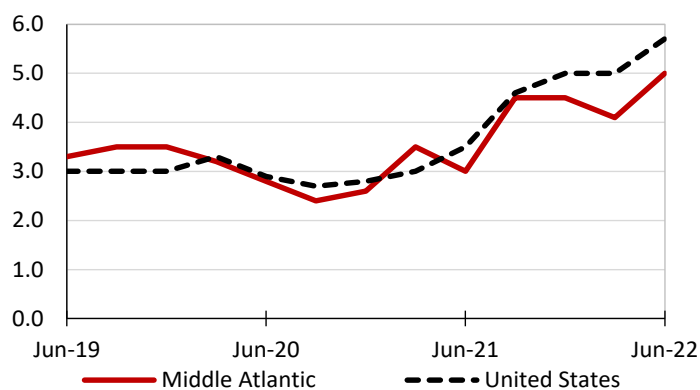
Private industry, June 2022	Middle Atlantic	United States
Total compensation	\$43.14	\$38.91
Wages and salaries	29.79	27.44
Total benefits	13.36	11.47
Paid leave	3.33	2.87
Vacation	1.68	1.47
Supplemental pay	1.53	1.37
Insurance	3.49	2.96
Retirement and savings	1.66	1.33
Legally required benefits	3.34	2.93

(1) The states that compose the Middle Atlantic census division are: NJ, NY, and PA.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.